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By the QUEEN,

A PROCLAMATION.

ANNE R.

WHereas Robert Balfour, *Maſter of* Burleigh, *hath been Indicted for the Cruel and Barbarous Murder of Mr.* Henry Stenhouſe, *School-Maſter of* Inverkeithing, *which Barbarous Fact, we are informed, was committed in the Month of* April, *One thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeven; and he the ſaid* Robert Balfour *hath, by due Courſe of Law, been Convicted thereof, and Sentence of Death hath been paſſed upon him, as the Law does require in ſuch Caſes: But to avoid the juſt Puniſhment he ought to undergo for the ſaid Crime, we are informed, that the ſaid* Robert Balfour *did, on the firſt Day of this Inſtant* January, *make his Eſcape out of the Tolbooth of our City of* Edinburgh, *and notwithſtanding diligent Search hath been made after him, yet he remains ſtill concealed: Wherefore we have thought fit, by and with the Advice of our Privy Council, to iſſue forth this our Royal Proclamation, hereby requiring all Magiſtrates and Officers, both Civil and Military, and other our loving Subjects, to uſe their utmoſt Endeavours to Apprehend and Seize the ſaid* Robert Balfour, *that he may be brought to ſuffer Condign Puniſhment, purſuant to the ſaid Sentence. And for the Encouragement of this Service, we do hereby promiſe the Sum of two hundred Pounds Sterling to any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall Apprehend, and be aſſiſting in the retaking the ſaid* Robert Balfour, *Maſter of* Burleigh, *and deliver him to any of our Magiſtrates. And we hereby ſtrictly Charge and Require our Lyon King at Arms and his Brethren, Heraulds, Purſevants, Meſſengers at Arms, and our Sheriffs in that part, That incontinent theſe our Letters ſeen, ye paſs to the Market-Croſs of* Edinburgh, *and to the remanent Market-Croſſes of the Head Burgs of the ſeveral Shires and Stuarties in* Scotland, *and in our Name and Authority make Publication of the Premiſſes, that none may pretend Ignorance, and Ordain theſe Preſents to be Printed, and our Solicitors to diſpatch Copies in the uſual manner.*

Given at Our Court at St. *James's* this Twenty ſixth Day of *January*, 1709-10. In the Eighth Year of Our Reign.

God ſave the QUEEN.

Vienna, January 25. *N. S.* Couriers arrive here daily from the Upper Rhine with freſh Accounts of the Enemies Preparations in Alſatia, and the Diſpoſitions they are making to penetrate into the Empire before the Imperial Army ſhall be formed to oppoſe their Deſigns. The Enemies Forces which are to ſerve on that Frontier will be more numerous than the preceding Campaigns, and the Duke of Bavaria is ſaid to be appointed the General of that Army. The Baron of Falkenſtein arrived here on the 21ſt Inſtant from Frankfort, and hath informed this Court of the preſent Poſture of Affairs in thoſe Parts. Advices from Hungary ſay, that the Malecontents ſeem generally diſpoſed to comply with the Terms of Accommodation which have formerly been offered them by his Imperial Majeſty; but are now apprehenſive that a Peace cannot be procured ſo much to their Advantage, as when the laſt Conferences were held on that Subject; and the Imperialiſts flatter themſelves by reaſon of their late Succeſſes, that they ſhall ſoon be able to reduce that Kingdom to the Obedience of the Emperor by force of Arms, if the Hungarians do not voluntarily ſubmit themſelves to their lawful Sovereign: However the Enemy, under the Command of Monſieur Anthony Eſterhaſi, have thrown in a Reinforcement of one hundred and fifty Men into Neuheuſel, who were received into the Town with great Demonſtrations of Joy. Theſe Advices add, that the Proteſtants of that Kingdom complain of the Oppreſſions of the Imperialiſts, and entertain but little hopes that their Grievances will be redreſſed at the enſuing Diet. It is confirmed that General Heiſter will be continued in the Command of the Army in Hungary; and this Court entertains ſome hopes that the ſeveral Princes of the Empire will ſo effectually concur in preventing the Dangers that threaten the Empire from France, by timely furniſhing their reſpective Quota's, as may induce the Elector of Hanover to ſet himſelf again at the Head of the Imperial Army.

Berne, January 29. *N. S.* The Deputies of the Proteſtant Cantons are gone to Arau, and this is appointed to be the firſt Day of their Seſſion. The County of Tockenburg hath ſent thither four Deputies, two of whom are of the Proteſtant, and two of the Roman Catholick Religion. It is ſaid, that the chief Deſign of aſſembling this Diet is to find out ſome Expedient that may finally determine the Differences which have been ſo long kept up between the Inhabitants of Tockenburg and the Abbot of St. Gall; and alſo to conſult whether it may not be requiſite to convene a general Diet of the Helvetick Body, to accommodate all Miſunderſtandings as well relating to the Affairs of Tockenburg and Stein, as all other parts of the Territories of Swiſſerland. The Deputies of the Roman Catholick Cantons aſſembled at Lucerne have concluded their Seſſion; but the reſult of their Conferences is not publickly known. General Erlach is gone to the Court of Vienna, to ſollicit the Payment of his Swiſs Regiment which is in the Service of the Emperor. They write from Schafhouſe, that a Waggon laden with Mony was arrived there, in order to diſcharge the Arrears due to the Imperial Troops at Friburg. Advices from Zurich ſay, that the Price of Corn was conſiderably abated in that and the neighbouring Provinces.

Bruſſels, February 8. *N. S.* General Dompré, the Governor of this City, is ſomewhat recovered of his late Sickneſs, which was ſo dangerous that the Phyſicians deſpaired of his Life. The Dutch Regiments, and the reſt of the Confederate Troops which are here in Garriſon, being almoſt compleated, the Regiments of d'Hona and Eukelom were reviewed on the 5th Inſtant; and the reſt of the Infantry, as alſo the Cavalry and Dragoons, will ſpeedily be drawn out in the like manner; in the mean time the new Levies are daily exerciſing their Arms. Laſt Thurſday a general Aſſembly of the States of Brabant was held in this Place, and the Deputation which is returned from the Hague, gave in an Account of the Succeſs